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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(c))**

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**SMALL ENTITY**

☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

**LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

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**MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))**

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition.

**STATEMENT**

THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFIES THAT THE DELAY IN PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE TO THIS PATENT WAS UNINTENTIONAL

PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED

**THIS PORTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE SIGNATORY OR SIGNATORIES**

37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

I certify, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4(d)(4) that I am

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| Signature   | /Mitchell A. Rossman/ | Date (YYYY-MM-DD)   | 2011-04-11 |
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**S/N 09/198,240**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Petitions Examiner: April M. Wise

In Re Patent No. 6,305,697

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Serial No.: 09/198,240

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Docket: 028.002US1

Title: Clamping Jaw Device

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**PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.378(c), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the denial of their Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent filed 11 April 2011.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the requirements to reinstate the expired patent and been met and requests reconsideration of Applicant's Petition.


The Petitions Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (952) 886-7160 to facilitate prosecution of this Petition.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4934.

Respectfully submitted,

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